

# **YOUR TOWN HALL**

This special meeting was called to order and attendance was taken. Committee members Scharfenberger, Fiore and Massell were present and members Brightbill and Byrnes were absent. There was a county-wide power outage affecting Middletown at the time.

## **KNOWN ACTION ITEMS**

A motion was made to bring Resolution 10-222 regarding introduction of the 2010 municipal budget amendment to a vote. It was seconded and voted upon. The resolution was passed with a vote of 3-0.

It was briefly discussed that the public hearing for this would be held at the next meeting on Tuesday, September 7. The mayor asked if the public hearing could be held earlier than the regular meeting. The Clerk said that the time can be decided on when she sends out notification to the papers to announce it.

## **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Committeeman Massell commented that nobody was happy with the budget. He said that the town had a perfect storm this year with the number of retirees, snow removal and brush collection that put the town between a rock and a hard place.

Committeeman Fiore said that there were a lot of one time hits that cause these types of budgets. He said that the town was not alone in this case and most towns were hit hard or harder. Mr. Fiore said that retirement benefits and insurance costs were one time hits and the town is getting a handle on them. He said that he is comfortable with the cuts that were made, such as a 15% across the board cut in department operating costs and expenses. He said that the mayor had made a 10-point plan earlier this year and most of those were met. Mr. Fiore said that there would be a 2.8% rise in the

amount of taxes paid overall, but the town will be positioned better for the future.

Mr. Scharfenberger commented that this was the most difficult budget in the last 30-40 years. He said that there are many things that could not be legally cut. He said that the town has the lowest spending and workforce per capita in the state. He said that they were lucky to see this coming over the years. Mr. Scharfenberger said that using the green initiative is a way to supplement taxes. He also said that hiring an in-house engineer has saved the town hundreds of thousands of dollars on small projects since his 2006 hiring. Mr. Scharfenberger said that if the toolbox comes through it would allow the towns to cut even more. He said that without the toolbox the 2% cap will not work. He said that the town has positioned itself for more savings next year and hopefully it can move on from here.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Don Watson asked several times how much of the tax increase was for the municipal portion of the tax bill. The mayor first stated that it was 2.8%. Mr. Watson pressed if that was the municipal portion and the mayor said that it was on the overall tax costs. Mr. Watson stated that he just wanted to know what the municipal portion was. The mayor then asked if Mr. Watson wanted to know how much it was going to increase by percentage. Mr. Fiore then asked Mr. Trasante what the new number was on the municipal portion of the tax bill. Mr. Trasante responded by saying that it was \$45,349,477.91, but added that they were not supposed to be discussing any questions on this amendment because they would be in violation of the hearing that is supposed to be held next week. Mr. Watson then stated that the figure is still above \$45M, which means that there will still be over a 10% increase on the municipal portion of the tax bill. Mr. Trasante said that this can be

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discussed next week or outside of the meeting. He said that it would have to wait until the public hearing next week. Mr. Watson said that if the summary was produced as a public document, then it should be able to be discussed. Mr. Trasante repeated that it could be discussed next week at the public hearing.

A woman asked if this meeting only pertained to the budget. The mayor said that it was and then asked if she was there about Shadow Lake. He said that he would speak to her after the meeting.

No other members of the public came forward to address the Committee and the meeting was adjourned.

**TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN  
MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the CY 2010 was introduced on the 21st day of June, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised,

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said introduced budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middletown, County of Monmouth, that the following amendments to the introduced budget of CY2010 to be made:

	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
Recorded Vote			
(Insert last names)			

Absent

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Current Fund - Anticipated Revenues		
General Revenues		
3. Miscellaneous Revenues		
Section F: Special items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenue Offset with Appropriations:		
DDEF Reserve	-	12,503.76
Bayshore DWI Grant	-	15,000.00
DWI County Road Block	-	1,800.00
Byrnes Memorial Jag Grant	31,927.00	-
Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F	<u>618,288.23</u>	<u>615,664.99</u>
Section G: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Other Special Items:		
Reserve for Revaluation	202,000.00	-
Total Miscellaneous Revenues - Section G	<u>1,536,993.88</u>	<u>1,334,993.88</u>
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>12,679,842.64</u>	<u>12,475,219.40</u>
5. Subtotal General Revenues	<u>19,429,842.64</u>	<u>19,225,219.40</u>
6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes:		
(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>45,549,733.91</u>	<u>45,349,477.91</u>
7. TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES	<u>64,979,576.55</u>	<u>64,574,697.31</u>

Current Fund - Appropriations  
8. General Appropriations  
    (A) Operations within "CAPS"

Administrator's Office		
Other Expenses	127,000.00	92,000.00
Elections		
Other Expenses	22,000.00	24,000.00
Finance Administration		
Salary & Wages	440,745.34	420,745.34
Assessment of Taxes		
Salary & Wages	386,443.15	265,243.15
Legal Services		
Other Expenses	415,000.00	365,000.00
Police		
Salary & Wages	14,193,313.31	14,492,313.31
Other Expenses	565,391.00	465,391.00
Celebration of Public Events		
Other Expenses	43,000.00	18,000.00

Parks & Recreation		
Salary & Wages	1,807,722.99	1,873,722.99
Other Expenses	309,275.00	303,275.00
Group Insurance for Employees		
Other Expenses	7,412,880.85	6,567,662.85
Employee Accumulated Leave	465,000.00	65,000.00

Total Operations (Item 8A) within "CAPS"	<u>45,812,489.35</u>	<u>44,577,071.35</u>
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Total Operations Including Contingent within "CAPS"	<u>45,842,489.35</u>	<u>44,607,071.35</u>
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Detail:		
Salaries and Wages	25,414,486.50	25,638,286.50
Other Expenses	20,428,002.85	18,968,784.85

(E) Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures within "CAPS"

(1) Deferred Charges:		
Deferred Charge - 2008 Cash Deficit Self Insurance	-	4,464.00
Deferred Charge - 2009 Cash Deficit Self Insurance	-	2,407.01

(2) Statutory expenditures:		
Police & Fireman's Retirement (PFRS)	1,205,783.00	634,865.00
Public Employees Retirement (PERS)	2,382,429.00	1,210,345.00

Total Deferred Charges & Statutory Expenditures within "CAPS"	<u>4,889,212.00</u>	<u>3,153,081.01</u>
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(F) Judgements	100,000.00	110,000.00
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(H-1) Total General Appropriations within "CAPS"	50,831,701.35	47,870,152.36
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8. General Appropriations

(A) Operations Excluded from "CAPS"		
Group Insurance for Employees		845,658.00

(2) Statutory expenditures:		
Police & Fireman's Retirement (PFRS)	-	570,918.00
Public Employees Retirement (PERS)	-	1,172,084.00

Total Other Operations-Excluded from CAPS	<u>4,431,437.96</u>	<u>7,020,097.96</u>
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Public and Private Programs Offset By Revenues		
DDEF Reserve	-	12,503.76
Bayshore DWI Grant	-	15,000.00
DWI County Road Block	-	1,800.00
Byrnes Memorial Jag Grant	31,927.00	-

Total Public and Private Programs Offset By Revenues	<u>641,465.23</u>	<u>638,841.99</u>
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Total Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>5,287,903.19</u>	<u>7,873,939.95</u>
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Detail:		
Salary & Wages	157,181.00	217,919.76
Other Expenses	5,130,722.19	7,656,020.19

(D) Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from CAPS		
Payment for Bond Principal	3,336,000.00	3,315,807.00
Payment for Bond Interest	1,997,101.00	1,995,238.00
Monmouth County Improvement Authority		
Capital Lease Program pre-July 2007 Leases	932,189.00	986,987.00
Capital Lease Program post-July 2007 Leases	429,811.00	374,573.00

Total Municipal Debt Service - Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>6,819,821.00</u>	<u>6,797,325.00</u>
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(E) Deferred Charges -Municipal- Excluded from "CAPS"

(1) Deferred Charges:		
Deferred Charge - 2008 Cash Deficit Self Insurance	4,464.00	-
Deferred Charge - 2009 Cash Deficit Self Insurance	2,407.01	-

Total Deferred Charges -Municipal Excluded from "CAPS"	<u>1,365,151.01</u>	<u>1,358,280.00</u>
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(O) Total General Appropriations Excluded from "CAPS"	13,647,875.20	16,204,544.95
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(L) Subtotal General Appropriations (Items (H-1) and (O))	64,479,576.55	64,074,697.31
9. TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>64,979,576.55</u>	<u>64,574,697.31</u>
10. OPERATING SURPLUS ANTICIPATED POOL UTILITY		
Operating Surplus Anticipated	57,106.00	60,000.00
Total Operating Surplus Anticipated	<u>57,106.00</u>	<u>60,000.00</u>
11. REVENUE POOL UTILITY		
Membership Fees	387,000.00	372,740.00
Other Pool Entrance Fees	28,000.00	22,509.00
Equipment Rental Fees	12,000.00	13,140.00
Day Camp Registration Fees	18,000.00	23,370.00
Tennis Fees- Swimming Lessons	15,000.00	10,070.00
Interest on Investment	4,000.00	503.00
12. TOTAL POOL UTILITY REVENUE	<u>521,106.00</u>	<u>502,332.00</u>
13. POOL UTILITY APPROPRIATIONS		
Salaries	166,000.00	140,000.00
Other Expenses	93,985.00	101,211.00
14. TOTAL POOL UTILITY APPROPRIATIONS	<u>521,106.00</u>	<u>502,332.00</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two (2) certified copies of this resolution be filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for certification of the CY2010 local municipal budget so amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this complete amendment in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-9, be published in The Asbury Park Press in the issue of and that said publication contain notice of public hearing on said amendment to be held at the Main Meeting Room in the Township Hall, 1 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ on August 30th at 6:00 O'Clock PM

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of resolution amending the budget, adopted by the governing body on the 30th day of August 2010.

Certified by me

August 30, 2010

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Heidi Brunt  
Township Clerk